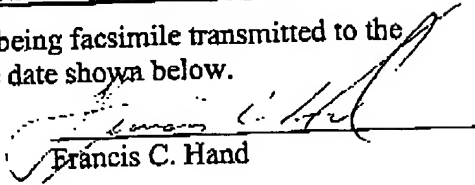


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Sir:

Reconsideration of the Final Rejection of September 9, 2005 is respectfully
requested.

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 24 are in this application.

Claim 1 has been rejected as being unpatentable over Hill in view of Ozaki. The
Examiner alleges that Hill discloses a process comprising "mixing a ferrous metal
powder with a lubricant to form a mixture". However, Claim 1 is directed to a process